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## **Grand Teton National Park News Release**

## INTERAGENCY FIRE CREWS CONTAIN LIGHTNING FIRE

Interagency fire personnel responded to a lightning-caused fire late Wednesday afternoon, July 24, north of Kelly Warm Springs in Grand Teton National Park. The Warm Springs Fire was reported at 5:30 p.m., burning in brush and light timber. Crews contained the fire by 10:30 p.m. Wednesday and will continue to monitor and mop up the area over the next few days.

A Teton Interagency contract helicopter carrying three helitack crew members responded to the Warm Springs Fire. Additionally, an Interagency Type 6 engine crew and Jackson/Teton County fire personnel mobilized to hold the fire at .25 acres.

This fire marks the 11<sup>th</sup> in Grand Teton National Park this season. Four fires have been lightning-caused, while seven were human-caused fires from either downed power lines or unattended campfires; one fire occurred from an improperly extinguished cigarette.

Although recent thunderstorms have supplied much needed moisture, fire danger in the park remains very high. Area residents and visitors are reminded that partial fire restrictions are in effect for both the park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest. For more information on fire restrictions and fire activity in the area, visit www.tetonfires.com.

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